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SUBJECT: SPAIN HINT OF POSSIBLE BOP RESTRICTIONS

1. ON JUNE 25 SPAIN MADE STATEMENT IN GATT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (CTD) HINTING POSSIBLE NEW RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OR PAYMENTS. SPANISH REP, AFTER REFERRING TO DETERIORATING BOP SITUATIO, SAID SPAIN "MAY HAVE TO TAKE MEASURES IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE" AND CONTINUED "MANY DOORS HAVE BEEN CLOSED" (PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO ITALIAN AND OTHER IMPORT RESTRICTIONS) AND "THERE SHOULD BE NO SURPRISE AT WHAT SPAIN MAY HAVE TO DO." COMMENTS WERE MADE IN CONTEXT OF CTD'S REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND AFTER SEVERAL LDCS HAD COMPLAINED OF RECENT MEASURES IN DCS HAVING EFFECT OF LIMITING LDC EXPORTS. (SPAIN OF COURSE HAS LONG SOUGHT LDC MANTLE.)

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2. WE DECIDED NOT TO COMMENT, FEARING THAT TO DO
SO MIGHT SEEM TO ADD WEIGHT TO SPANISH INTERVENTION.
WE OF COURSE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER INTERVENTION WAS
MADE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS OR WAS PURELY SPUR OF THE
MOMENT IDEA OF LOCAL REP, BUT TONE WAS SUCH AS TO
SUGGEST BUILDING RECORD FOR ACTIONS WHICH MAY BE
AHEAD. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER INQUIRY IN
MADRID AS TO SIGNIFICANCE OF COMMENT. ABRAMS

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